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Speaker Sprowls Praises Governor for Signing Tax "Freedom Week" into Law

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (May 21, 2021) — Today, Florida House Speaker Chris Sprowls, R-Palm Harbor, praised Governor Ron DeSantis for signing into law HB 7061, creating a sales tax "Freedom Week" during this year's Independence Day, as well as renewing the state's back-to-school and disaster preparedness tax holidays.

"Florida has come a long way in just a year," said Speaker Chris Sprowls. "Because of Governor Ron DeSantis' leadership, our state is free and open. What better way to celebrate than to offer a sales tax holiday that will encourage people to explore our greatest asset – Florida's outdoors. I am also proud that we are renewing our back-to-school and hurricane sales tax holidays. Thank you, Governor DeSantis, for signing this into law, and House Ways & Means Chairman Bobby Payne for being a champion for Florida's taxpayers."

Committee Chair Bobby Payne said, "The Freedom Week bill encourages every Floridian to celebrate our freedom this Independence Day by enjoying the outdoors with family and friends – tax free. Thank you to Speaker Sprowls for entrusting me to carry this bill and Governor DeSantis for your leadership during Florida's recovery."

HB 7061 strengthens Florida's economic prosperity by providing over \$150 million in tax relief to Floridians.

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